

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

My name is Debbie Jordan and I am the president of Sleekcom.com, in Brookhaven, MS. We began business in 1999 and presently have 1,000 customers, most of whom live and work in Brookhaven and the surrounding area but we also do a fair amount of web hosting for customers throughout the nation, and have some overseas customers as well.

We offer many services that our local phone company, BellSouth, does not. Services like hosting all community church web sites for free, community service organizations with access and web hosting.

When we opened for business we started, as many ISPs did, with Channelized Mega-Links from BellSouth. Of course getting lines from BellSouth was always a problem, and we frequently lost customers when our modem lines became busy because BellSouth was late delivering phone lines we had ordered well in advance.

We offer Internet access over DSL to our customers, and must do it through BellSouth, and the prices BellSouth has offered us make it impossible for us to compete. We are expected to pay \$33 per month for the data line to reach the customer, and turn around and compete with BellSouth, which is offering reconfigured phone lines, internet access and free \$100 modems, for \$45 per month. We are trying to compete in this market but demands made upon us by BellSouth as well as the prices they charge us are already unreasonable. In addition to the \$33 a month they charge us for access, we also must have an ATM circuit in order to deliver DSL to our customers. This ATM circuit cost us \$800 a month and will carry about 75 DSL customers. BellSouth claims that their Internet provider is BellSouth.Net, supposedly a separate entity from BellSouth the telephone service provider. Think of this, if you have a nickel in your left pocket, take it out and put it in your right pocket you still have a nickel, right? Doesn't matter if you call the left pocket BellSouth and the right pocket BellSouth.NET.

I do not have the resources to fight BellSouth nor the request they are asking for to increase prices to us for service. However, I also do not believe that the answer to this problem is simply to allow BellSouth to stop selling access to the network at all, or to take away the requirements that are supposed to be preventing BellSouth from discriminating.

The answer is for the FCC to make a good faith effort to uncover the discrimination (whether it is in pricing or provisioning) and put an end to it. Until the FCC has demonstrated that it is willing to do this for ISPs, any talk about lifting the rules for monopolies like BellSouth is premature.

I hope that you will take my comments seriously - I am sending a copy of this letter to my Congressman as well.

Sincerely,

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